

CPPC board meeting 2025-01-14

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1 Opening

The meeting was opened by Athanasios 15:32. Oliver was made secretary.

2 Establish agenda

The current agenda was approved by the board.

3 Next meeting

The next meeting will be 2024-02-25 at 13:00-14:00.

4 Round of introductions

Everyone present at the meeting introduces themselves.

5 Follow up on General Assembly

(i) Action plan 2025

- Athanasios present the annual report, specifically the parts we want to continue working on that are not part of the core ongoing activities. This involves following up on the ISP survey, the activity in the equality council and the self evaluation of the doctoral education.

6 Distribution of Tasks and Representatives

- We discuss the distribution of the various tasks within CPPC.
- Athanasios will continue to handle the webpage.
- Esmée will continue to update the course list.
- Pantea presents what the buddy system responsible should do and Björn adds that it might be good to evaluate the Buddy system once in a while with e.g. a survey. Simon will be the responsible for the Buddy system.
- Oliver will continue as the representative in the Physics Department Advisory Board (institutionsrådet).
- Both Mirna and Sofia are interested in the equality work at the Physics Department and in the equality group at GPC (Gothenburg Physics Center). Mirna will be the main representative in the equality groups, and Sofia will also be involved but not as main representative.
- FFF is the board for PhD students at GU Physics, MC2, SEE and the Department of Physics. Sofia will be the representative in FFF.

- Martina brings up that it might be good to pick up the contact with the Chalmers Doctoral Student Guild (DS). DS is currently being re-structured and CPPC will follow what happens.

7 Follow up on previous CPPC meeting – Minutes

- Athanasios presents the minutes from the previous CPPC meeting and we discuss the points that we need to follow up. These will be described below.

8 Project follow up

(i) Doctoral student evaluation

- Björn summarize what the evaluation has entailed so far. Right now the evaluation group is working on an action plan for the next six years. The focus areas are: exit talks, exchanges and research visits, some kind of pre-evaluation of PhD Thesis, PhD courses and increasing the connection and co-operation between divisions. One idea for courses is to create a few very broad courses in a hybrid format to get a critical mass of students. CPPC should spread the word that PhD students have a lot of freedom in choosing courses to read. The board see some risks with having an external review of the PhD thesis as early as 8-10 months before the defense. We think that it might be good to instead have a broader discussion of the scope and aim of the thesis and will bring this forward in the discussion with the department.

(ii) Pizza days

- We will start to plan for the next Pizza days next meeting.

(iii) ISP Survey

- We will schedule a meeting with Lena to discuss the results.

(iv) Buddy system

- Simon will start up the work.

(v) Course survey

- We will discuss this during next meeting.

9 Other matters

10 Closing

- Athanasios closes the meeting at 16:59.